

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A topical composition comprising a mixture of vismia in an amount effective to lighten skin and phytic acid in an amount effective to lighten skin.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The topical composition of claim 1 wherein said amount of vismia effective to lighten skin comprises ~~as a percent weight of said composition~~ from about one to about five percent as a percent weight of said composition.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The topical composition of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2 wherein said amount of phytic acid effective to lighten skin comprises ~~as a percent weight of said composition~~ from about one to about five percent as a percent weight of said composition.

Claim 4 (original): The topical composition of claim 1 wherein said composition treats hyperpigmentation disorders.

Claim 5 (original): The topical composition of claim 1 further comprising arbutin.

Claim 6 (original): The topical composition of claim 2 further comprising arbutin.

Claim 7 (original): The topical composition of claim 3 further comprising arbutin.

Claim 8 (original): The topical composition of claim 1 further comprising kojic acid.

Claim 9 (original): The topical composition of claim 2 further comprising kojic acid.

Claim 10 (original): The topical composition of claim 3 further comprising kojic acid.

Claim 11 (original): A method of treating hyperpigmentation disorders in human skin comprising applying the composition of claim 1 to human skin.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A topical composition comprising

a. about one to about five percent vismia, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of vismia effective to lighten skin; and

b. about one to about five percent phytic acid, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of phytic acid effective to lighten skin.

Claim 13 (original): The topical composition of claim 12 wherein said composition treats hyperpigmentation disorders.

Claim 14 (original): The topical composition of claim 12 further comprising arbutin.

Claim 15 (original): The topical composition of claim 12 further comprising kojic acid.

Claim 16 (original): A method of treating hyperpigmentation disorders in human skin comprising applying the composition of claim 12 to human skin.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A topical composition comprising:

- a. about one to about five percent vismia, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of vismia effective for lightening skin;
- b. about one to about five percent phytic acid, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of phytic acid effective for lightening skin; and
- c. arbutin.

Claim 18 (original): A method of treating hyperpigmentation disorders in human skin comprising applying the composition of claim 17 to human skin.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A topical composition comprising:

- a. about one to about five percent vismia, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of vismia effective for lightening skin;
- b. about one to about five percent phytic acid, wherein about one to about five percent is an amount of phytic acid effective for lightening skin; and
- c. kojic acid.

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Claim 20 (original): A method of treating hyperpigmentation disorders in human skin comprising applying the composition of claim 19 to human skin.